

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title of the invention at page 1, line 1 of the specification as follows:

~~AUTOMATED DIAGNOSTIC ANALYZER AND METHOD~~
AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR ISOLATING AND AMPLIFYING
A TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE

Please amend the first sentence on page 1 of the specification as follows:

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/303,030, filed April 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,335,166, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/083,927, filed May 1, 1998.